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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS, MISC INFORMATION CONCERNING. SUBJECT CHECKED IN AT SHERRY NETHERLANDS HOTEL, NYC, APRIL SEVENTEENTH LAST. SUBSEQUENTLY MADE RESERVATIONS FOR HOWARD HUGHES WHO ARRIVED APRIL TWENTY SEVENTH LAST. IN EARLY PART OF APRIL, MEYER MADE TELEPHONIC RESERVATION FROM CALIFORNIA TO THE SHERRY NETHERLANDS HOTEL FOR MRS. STEPHEN CRANE, NEE LANA TURNER, WHO ARRIVED APRIL THIRTEENTH LAST AND IS STILL THERE. HE HAS ALSO MADE RESERVATION FOR CARY GRANT WHO IS TO ARRIVE FROM EUROPE ON MAY FIFTH NEXT. ENTIRE BILL OF APPROXIMATELY SEVENTEEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR EARLIER PARTY OF ABOUT FORTY GUESTS BROUGHT FROM CALIFORNIA BY HUGHES ON FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH LAST, PAID BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF FRED ELDEAN PUBLICITY AGENT FOR TWA. SUBJECT HAS ADVISED HOTEL MANAGER THAT HE INTENDS TO STAY ABOUT FIVE OR SIX DAYS LONGER, THEN FLY TO BRAZIL WITH HUGHES. BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULT OF CHECK ON SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES HERE INCLUDING PHONE CALLS MADE FROM HOTEL.

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Director, FBI

May 3, 1946

Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was.
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With regard to [REDACTED] stay in New York City, it will be noted that the New York Field office, by teletypes dated April 29th and April 30th, reported [REDACTED] had made reservations at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel for Mrs. STEPHEN CRANE nee LANA TURNER, motion picture actress, who arrived there April 13th. [REDACTED] made reservations for Cary GRANT, who is to arrive from Europe on May 5th. It was indicated subject would probably leave around the 5th or 6th of May to fly to Brazil with HOWARD HUGHES. This trip undoubtedly is the one which has been previously reported to the Bureau, and it is believed that they intend to go to Rio de Janeiro, where they will stay at the Hotel Copacabana.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **62-2682**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 5-21-46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-24-5-10-46	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MEYER left Los Angeles April 17, 1946, and registered Sherry Netherland Hotel, New York City, where he was still staying as of May 8, last. While in New York subject has been in contact with **HOWARD HUGHES**. On May 4, 1946, **HUGHES** and **MEYER** flew to Louisville, Kentucky, to attend the Kentucky Derby.

WESTBROOK PEGLER wrote article May 6th regarding **HUGHES** and **MEYER**'s connections with **ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT** and suggested an investigation be made by Congress.

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References:

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated April 26, 1946, at Los Angeles.

Bureau teletype to Los Angeles, dated May 8, 1946.

Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, dated May 9, 1946.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 62-78335-182
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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

MEYER'S ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH HOWARD HUGHES

The referenced report of the writer dated April 26th, last, reflects that MEYER departed by plane for New York City on April 17th and on arrival there registered at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel. According to information made available by [REDACTED] MEYER was still visiting in New York City as of May 8, 1946, and believed to be still registered at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel, where he has been in contact with HOWARD HUGHES. b2/

The New York Field Division by teletype dated April 29th, last, reported that MEYER had made reservations at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel for HOWARD HUGHES, who arrived in New York City on April 27th, last. Further, MEYER during the first part of April made telephonic reservations from California at that hotel for Mrs. STEPHEN CRANE, nee LANA TURNER, who arrived at New York April 13th and who was still in New York as of April 29th. It was reported by the New York Field Division that subject also made reservations for CARY GRANT, who was to arrive from Europe on May 5th. At the time the teletype was sent from New York it was reported that MEYER intended to remain at the Sherry Netherlands for approximately five or six days longer, after which he would fly to Brazil with HOWARD HUGHES. Regarding the trip to be made to Brazil with HOWARD HUGHES, it is noted in the referenced report of the writer that information was set forth indicating that trip was to be made to Rio de Janeiro and that reservations were made at the Copacabana Hotel at Rio. It was believed that the trip would include HOWARD HUGHES, MEYER and notable movie stars, such as CARY GRANT.

By teletype dated May 6, 1946, the New York Field Division reported the subject, accompanied by HOWARD HUGHES, flew to Louisville, Kentucky, May 4th to attend the Kentucky Derby, and reservations were made at the Henry Clay Hotel there.

On May 6th it was reported by the New York Field Division that JOE ROAN, who was identified in the referenced report of the writer as JOE ROAN of TWA, New York City, was occupying MEYER's suite at the Sherry Netherlands and had received a long distance telephone call from Mr. SHURR, Chestview 67723, Los Angeles. SHURR allegedly wanted MEYER to talk to HUGHES as "BOB HOPE wants an answer." ROAN advised SHURR that both MEYER and HUGHES were at the Derby but were expected back shortly and MEYER would call. With reference to Mr. SHURR, an examination of the Los Angeles telephone directory reveals that LOUIS SHURR, Chestview 67723, resides at 9537 Chareville Boulevard, Beverly Hills, and has an office listed as the LOUIS SHURR Agency, 327 North Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

NY FILE NO. 62-8492-174

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 5/27/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 5/2, 3, 6, 13, 17/46	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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MEYER checked in at **SHERIDAN NETHERLANDS HOTEL**, Apr. 17, alone. Shortly after arriving, made reservations at the same hotel for **HOWARD HUGHES**, who was to arrive on Apr. 27. He had previously made telephonic reservations at the hotel for Mrs. **STEPHEN GRAY** (**LANA TURNER**), who arrived Apr. 15. He also made reservations for **CARY GRANT** who was to arrive May 5.

NOHAN, believed to be representative of **TWA**, living with **MEYER** at hotel. **MEYER** and **HUGHES** flew to Louisville, Kentucky, May 4, to attend **Derby**. Both returned May 7.

List of telephone
HUGHES and GRAY still at **SHERIDAN NETHERLANDS**.

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Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** 5/26/46,
Los Angeles, California.
Teletype from Bureau dated 5/8/46.

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DETAILS

After having made telephonic reservations from Los Angeles, MEYER checked in at the SHERRY NETHERLANDS HOTEL, 99 Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City, on April 17, 1946. Shortly after arriving he reserved an additional suite for HOWARD HUGHES, whom he stated would arrive on April 27, 1946.

On April 13, 1946, LANA TURNER arrived at the hotel, accompanied by her child and governess. She registered under the name of Mrs. STEPHEN CRANE and her reservations had been made earlier by MEYER. None of the three suites occupied by HUGHES, MEYER or TURNER are adjacent or near each other. MEYER also made reservations at the hotel for CARY GRANT, who was to arrive on May 3. A day or two after MEYER'S arrival at the hotel, he was joined by JOE ROWAN, who moved into MEYER'S suite and has lived with him since. ROWAN is believed to be the publicity agent from the New York office of TWA.

On May 4, 1946, HUGHES and MEYER flew to Louisville, Kentucky, to attend the KENTUCKY DERBY. Before leaving, they made reservations at the HENRY CLAY HOTEL at Louisville, where they apparently stayed. Both arrived back at the SHERRY NETHERLANDS on May 7, 1946.

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HUGHES remains singularly inactive, spending most of the day in his suite, and refusing to take any phone calls, except from LANA TURNER. Usually, he will go to her suite in the evening, take her to the "EL POROCCO" for dinner.

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TO: MR. E. A. Tamm

DATE: June 5, 1946

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was
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The New York Division in referring upon completion this case reports that when Lana Turner recently arrived in New York accompanied by her child and governess, she registered under the name of Mrs. Stephen Crane at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel, the registration previously having been made by Meyer. Meyer and Howard Hughes were also staying at the Hotel during this period. However, none of their rooms were near each other.

During this particular period Hughes was reported as remaining singularly inactive, spending most of the day in his suite and refusing to take any phone calls except from Lana Turner. He was described as going to her suite in the evening and taking her to the "El Morocco" for dinner returning with her thereafter to her suite in the early hours of the morning. He is believed to have spent almost every night with Lana Turner in her suite.

During Hughes' stay at the Hotel, [redacted] advised that he engaged in a lengthy long distance telephone call with Linda Darnell who was at Los Angeles. [redacted] reports that the conversation consisted principally of Hughes telling Linda Darnell how much he loved her and she in turn told him about her film work and further indicated that she was about to divorce her husband so that she might marry Howard Hughes.

In setting out Meyer's daily routine, New York states that while at the Hotel he stayed in his room until about Noon and after going out for lunch returned in the early evening staying there until late in the evening at which time he would attend a night club returning again to his hotel room in the early hours of the morning. He was frequently accompanied by a Miss [redacted] telephone number [redacted] and a [redacted] whose telephone number was ascertained to be [redacted].

No additional background is available concerning these women.

It is also interesting to note that a detective by the name of [redacted] of the 17th Precinct, New York Police Department, located at 163 E. 51 Street, New York was a member of a group going to Meyer's suite early one morning during this period.

While this case has been closed, it is thought the above information might be of some interest to you.

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Hughes' Girlies Flee Hill Subpena

By United Press
HOLLYWOOD, July 23—Movie glamor girls scurried for cover today, fearful the next man on their doorsteps would be a process server wanting them to tell about Hollywood parties with Howard Hughes.

A congressional investigating committee wants to know if the parties treated Air Corps procurement officers to equal doses of movie stars and high-pressure war contracting.

The committee allegedly is trying to link Mr. Hughes, his friend Elliott Roosevelt, his former partner Henry Kaiser, and the money the handsome playboy got for his photo-reconnaissance plane and big plywood flying boat.

Two movietown beauties already were under subpoena to testify Aug. 4 on Hughes' war contracts. Neither knew why.

Brunet Martha Goldthwaite, model, said she didn't know Mr. Hughes or his pals or his business. She recalled having a few dinner dates with his personal representative, John Meyer, who reportedly subpoenaed.

Blond Judy Cook, freelance actress and former swimming star, didn't answer her doorbell or telephone.

Neither did most of the other girls seen around Hollywood with Mr. Hughes, its most eligible bachelor.

Linda Darnell was in Europe and Lana Turner was "treating some where out of town." Faith Domergue, leading lady of Producer Hughes' last picture, went to a play in La Jolla, Calif., and kept on going to Mexico. Ava Gardner and Marie Windsor were working and couldn't be disturbed.

The deputy U. S. marshal who served subpoenas on Miss Cook and Miss Goldthwaite didn't know what they had to do with the case.

"All I know is they both are beautiful," he signed.



JUDY COOK
No phone calls, please

- Mr. Tolson
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- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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Capitol Premiere Monday:

Luscious Pin-up Girls Called In Senate Probe of Hughes

F. D.'s Secret Papers and Star Witnesses Lend Hollywood Background for Quiz

By FRANK WOLEMAN

Beginning with two luscious Hollywood pin-up girls, Senate investigators yesterday began rounding up bit players for their forthcoming spectacular production to be

called "The Case of Howard Hughes and His \$44,000,000 War Plane Contract."

The subpoenas which were served in the movie capital today on Judy Cook, free lance actress, and Martha Goldthwaite, model, were only a mild start, informed sources hinted.

When the show really gets underway here next Monday, it is expected to feature besides secret papers from the files of F.D.R., Hughes himself, Henry Kaiser, once his partner, Eliahu

well, war production heads, and a host of top Hollywood stars testifying voluntarily, or under subpoena.

The script, too, supposedly has all the lush Hollywood trimmings. The Senate war investigating committee, under Senator (R) of Maine will probe charges that wild parties, with cash and carry beauties, figured in the award of Hughes' lucrative contract to build cargo and photo

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Pin-up Girls Subpoenaed in Hughes Probe

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Reconnaissance planes — which still are undelivered.

Sen. Ferguson (R.) of Michigan who will lead the inquiry, daily denied Hollywood reports that Linda Darnell, Lana Turner and Ava Gardner have been subpoenaed. He also refused to comment on the cases of Judy and Martha.

From other sources, it was learned that only three subpoenas have been delivered to the U. S. Marshal in Hollywood thus far. These are for Judy, Martha, and John W. Meyer, publicity director of the movie company which produced "The Outlaw."

The subpoena on Meyer has not been served, however, it was said. He is believed to be out of country at present.

Committee investigators, dispatched from Washington, are quietly rounding up more top witnesses in the movie capital, asking them to testify voluntarily, a committee source disclosed. More subpoenas may be issued if persuasion fails, it was said. This might account for the reports involving the other women stars.

"Blushingly Amused"

Yesterday in Hollywood, the Marshal served the subpoenas on Judy, a former Aquacade swimmer, and Martha, who blushingly professed to be amazed by the whole proceeding.

The marshal, according to press reports, didn't know much about the case either. "All I know is they are both beautiful girls," he was quoted as saying.

Hughes himself was still on the west coast but was expected to come here voluntarily for the investigation. Monday, a Washington representative of his tool company disclosed that Elliott Roosevelt helped design the speedy photo-reconnaissance plane XP-11.

The senators will probe charges that President Roosevelt helped Hughes obtain contracts totaling \$44,000,000 to build his huge eight-engined wooden flying boat and the photo planes over the objections of top air force commanders.

"Hughes Offers Records"

When the investigation was first rumored, Hughes declared he had nothing to hide and that it was largely his own money which went into the big flying boat — not Government funds. On March 29, he offered to make all his records available.

Committee investigators journeyed to the coast and gathered photostats of his expense accounts and other papers.

The flying boat was begun in 1942.



AP Wirephoto

Model to Appear at Capitol Probe

Martha Goldthwaite, 26, Hollywood model, has been subpoenaed as a witness for a congressional investigation of Howard Hughes' Government airplane contracts. The model said yesterday: "I don't know Mr. Hughes."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *esa*

DATE: 4/7/58

FROM : F. L. Price *flp*SUBJECT: LANA TURNER
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On 4/7/58 you were advised by memorandum that John Stompanato was stabbed to death by Cheryl Crane, daughter of movie star Lana Turner, on 4/4/58 at Hollywood, California. The stabbing is a local crime and not within the Bureau's jurisdiction. However, in view of the notoriety this case is receiving we checked the files of the Bureau on Lana Turner and the following is hereby submitted:

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Calif During the inquiry by the Bureau of John William Meyer, reported publicity man for millionaire Howard Hughes, our New York Office (NYO) reported on 4/17/46 that Meyer checked into the Sherry Netherlands Hotel. Shortly afterwards, he made reservations at this hotel for Howard Hughes. He previously made reservations for Lana Turner who arrived 4/12/46. Hughes, according to our NYO, would spend the evening in Lana Turner's suite, take her to the "El Morocco" for dinner, return her to her suite in the early A.M.

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(6)195
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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen
Re: Lana Turner

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RECOMMENDATION:

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The above is for your information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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Report of:

Date:

10/8/60

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 92-3156

Title:

MEYER HARRIS COHEN (True Name)
MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN

Character:

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Synopsis:

MICKEY COHEN, FBI No. 755912, resides Apartment C, 705 South Barrington Avenue, Los Angeles, and drives 1960 black Cadillac, TDL 656. Born 9/4/13, at New York. Has no gainful occupation. [REDACTED] Relatives set out. Criminal record dates from 1933 until present. Has served six months 1942 bookmaking and 3½ years McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary for Income Tax violations 2/52 - 10/55. Indicted and arrested 9/16/60, 13 counts in connection current income tax inquiry. Attorneys presently utilized are [REDACTED] JACK DAHLSTRUM, [REDACTED] MELVIN BELLI, Los Angeles, and [REDACTED]. Associates set forth. COHEN claims early start through Italians at Cleveland. Left Cleveland and opened small time gambling at Chicago late 1930s, became bookmaker and associated with late BUGSY SIEGEL and JACK DRAGNA in gambling and bookmaking which continued until Income Tax conviction 1952. Information currently available indicates continues with bookmaking. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In 1/60, COHEN arranged bond for group of credit card thieves. 4/58, involved in furnishing love letters to Los Angeles Herald Express written by LANA TURNER to JOHN STOMPANATO who was slain [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] COHEN seen taking boxes from STOMPANATO's room after death. 6/59, involved in attempted badger game on ALBERT BLOOMINGDALE of Diners Club. 1/58, allegedly fixed an attempted shakedown of prostitute and borrowed \$9,750 from relative of prostitute. [REDACTED] indicted for perjury as result of this and pleaded guilty 7/60. 10/58 met with group handling stolen credit cards at New York. 12/59, JOHN FREDERICK WHALEN shot to death while standing in front of COHEN table at Rondelli's Restaurant, Sherman Oaks, California. [REDACTED] found guilty of murder, 1st degree and sentenced to life. District Attorney, Los Angeles, continues investigation despite conviction of [REDACTED]. Information 1945 received COHEN, upon arrival California, earned living from prostitution. 1948, [REDACTED] madam, stated paying COHEN for protection. 1951, Los Angeles Police Department raided "Bordello" allegedly belonging to COHEN. Allegations of connection with vice in Ventura County, California, made in 1959 but unproven. 3/60, associate [REDACTED] operating several girls at Los Angeles. 1/58, name mentioned in connection with attempted liquor smuggling. 12/57, involved in vending machine war at Los Angeles and received \$10,000 for remaining neutral. Information concerning finances set out. Operations of Michael's Greenhouses 1956-1957, and Carousel Ice Cream Parlor, 1958-1960, set out. Connections with Rounders Restaurant set out. Information concerning COHEN's life story, and associated enterprises set forth. List of persons from whom borrowed, personal habits, girl friends and description set out. COHEN WAS KILLED IN THE PAST AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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The records of the Los Angeles Police Department concerning arrests not previously reported, reflected an arrest on November 17, 1945, for suspicion of robbery; released November 19, 1945. The records further reflected he was arrested on January 30, 1946, for violation of Municipal Code 42.39, Sub A, which arrest was dismissed in Municipal Court (Division 7), February 6, 1946.

Also reflected was an arrest on November 1, 1948, by the Los Angeles Police Department for suspicion of violation of Penal Code 137 (attempted bribe), from which he was released November 3, 1948.

The "Los Angeles Daily News," of July 30, 1949, in discussing this arrest reflected that this was in connection with an investigation conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department regarding one [REDACTED] The complaint was rejected by the District Attorney's Office on November 3, 1948. **b7c**

In connection with the arrest appearing on the Identification Record under August 19, 1948, the "Los Angeles Daily News," on July 30, 1949, reflects this arrest was by the Sheriff's Office and COHEN was arrested at 8800 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, in connection with the investigation into the fatal shooting of HARRY (HOOKY) ROTHMAN. He was released for lack of evidence on August 20, 1948.

Concerning his arrest of April 12, 1949, by the Sheriff's Office at Los Angeles, this is in connection with a Grand Jury indictment for conspiracy of assault with a deadly weapon. (COHEN, as a former boxer, was charged with using a deadly weapon [REDACTED] He was found not guilty of this charge in January, 1950. **b7c**

The Identification Record reflected an arrest in Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1950. The "Los Angeles Times," of August 4, 1950, reflected that COHEN had been picked up by the Chicago Police Department and taken to police headquarters where he was fingerprinted and photographed and was told to get out of town. The same article reflected the fact that on July 18, 1950, he was arrested by the Albuquerque Police Department, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and searched and questioned. This arrest at

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Albuquerque resulted from MICKEY complaining too loudly about the service at a motel where he was stopping.

The records of the Chicago Police Department reflect that the subject, as MICHAEL COHEN, 513 Moreno Avenue, Brentwood, California, was arrested on August 4, 1950, [REDACTED] on the charge of general principles. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police Department, stated COHEN was picked up for mugging and fingerprinting to give him a police department number, inasmuch as he was a known hoodlum from another city. After this was done COHEN was released. b7c

In connection with the above listed arrest on July 18, 1950, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, the records of the Albuquerque Police Department reflect that MEYER COHEN, aka MICKEY COHEN was arrested by [REDACTED] the Albuquerque Police Department, on August 11, 1950. He was arrested in the 100 block, West Central at 10:30 a.m.; was escorted to the police department and fingerprinted under the Albuquerque Police Department No. 14-854, and released. At the time he was arrested he was accompanied by JOHN STOMPANATO, Jr. (who is mentioned later in this report in connection with his death on April 4, 1958), who was given Albuquerque Police Department No. 14-853, and possesses FBI No. 257318A. STOMPANATO was also released. b7c

[REDACTED] Albuquerque, New Mexico, advised he had talked to COHEN on the above occasion and COHEN had advised him he was just passing through town. [REDACTED] states as far as he knows STOMPANATO and COHEN left town immediately. He further advised he instructed members of the department that if COHEN should be observed on the streets, they should determine his activities in Albuquerque. [REDACTED] also advised that a short time after the above-mentioned pickup, one of his officers, name unrecalled, observed COHEN in the Court Cafe in downtown Albuquerque, and following orders the officer asked COHEN how long he had been in Albuquerque and what the nature of his business was. This officer then followed COHEN out to the city limits toward Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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operating the Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas, COHEN was given a monthly fee running between \$1,500 and \$1,800 per month for services rendered as a strong-arm method of collecting bad gambling debts, which were originally extended by COHEN's recommendation at this hotel.

The New York "Mirror" of Tuesday, April 29, 1958, carried the following paragraph in a column entitled "New York Confidential" by LEE MORTIMER:

"The Stompanato - Mickey Cohen blackmail angles (first revealed here) will explode into a new and bigger page one story involving dozens of Hollywood, Broadway, and political figures who have been paying off in fear for years. The ring is operated out of Chicago by the Fischetti - Capone mob and the glamour boy and gal affiliates employ gigolos of the Stompanato type, babes and homos, while sleazy, slimy little hoods such as COHEN are the front men who do the dirty . . . N.Y. cops are eyeing [redacted] b7c
[redacted] who's in town on mystery business connected with the whitewash of the unspeakable punk who seems to have no trouble finding egghead, 'liberal' and double-dome apologists, such as 'The Reporter' magazine, which never finds fault with pinks either. It glorified MICKEY while lambasting Beverly Hills great [redacted] and its [redacted] testified as a 'language expert' for MICKEY at his recent trial. (This is in reference to COHEN's trial in Beverly Hills, California, in the latter part of 1957.)

On April 4, 1958, JOHN STOMPANATO, FBI No. 257318A, aka JOHNNY VALENTINE, who was the paramour of LANA TURNER, movie actress, was slain [redacted] b7c
[redacted] in Miss TURNER's bedroom at their rented home in Beverly Hills. The local press gave front page headlines to STOMPANATO's death in view of his association with LANA TURNER.

The "Los Angeles Examiner" of April 6, 1958, carries an article entitled "COHEN Says He will Find Answer to STOMPANATO Death." The article reflects that when COHEN heard

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of the death of his friend and one time bodyguard JOHNNY STOMPANATO he "roared in anguish" and that he had rushed to LANA TURNER's home in Beverly Hills demanding to view the body. He was informed it had been taken to the County Coroner's Office and then COHEN proceeded to the Beverly Hills Police Station where he demanded to know "who done it." When informed that [REDACTED] admitted stabbing STOMPANATO because she feared that he was going to kill [REDACTED] COHEN shook his head and is quoted as saying "I thought she liked him very much". He also is quoted as saying, "I don't like the whole thing. There is a lot of unanswered questions about how JOHNNY was killed. I'm going to find some of those answers no matter what happens." b7c

"When I heard how JOHNNY was killed, cold chills ran through me. It is a fantastic way for a man like STOMPANATO to die.

"JOHNNY's been around for a long time. But if what they tell me is true, he made no effort to dodge the knife. It just doesn't jell with me." b7c

COHEN is also quoted as saying that he had telephoned [REDACTED] at their home [REDACTED] to break the news. COHEN also asked the coroner's permission to claim the body and personal effects, but was informed that such permission must be given by the next of kin, in this case [REDACTED]. COHEN is also quoted as saying that he had loaned money to STOMPANATO in order that STOMPANATO could travel to England during 1957 to join LANA TURNER there.

The "Los Angeles Times" of April 7, 1958, in an article entitled, "STOMPANATO's Brother Wearied By Red Tape," reflects that [REDACTED] was being assisted in handling the affairs of the late JOHNNY STOMPANATO by MICKEY COHEN. COHEN is quoted in this article as stating that he would fly back to Woodstock, Illinois, in time to attend the funeral for STOMPANATO if his appearance in court [REDACTED] did not interfere. The article reflects that b7c

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[REDACTED] aided by COHEN, was attempting to locate his [REDACTED] personal effects and his apartment, but no one knew exactly where STOMPANATO was residing at the time of his death. b7C

"The Los Angeles Times" of April 10, 1958, in an article entitled, "Pack of Letters Vanish Day of STOMPANATO's Death," reflects that a pack of letters, possibly those of LANA TURNER to JOHNNY STOMPANATO, mysteriously disappeared from his apartment (Del Capri Hotel, 10587 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles) the very night he was stabbed to death in LANA TURNER's home. b7C

The Los Angeles Police Department received a burglary report [REDACTED] that a shaving kit containing a packet of letters had been apparently removed from STOMPANATO's bathroom at the hotel between 2:30 p.m., Friday, and 6:00 a.m., the following day. The article reflected [REDACTED] a clerk at the apartment house, after reading STOMPANATO's abrupt death, went to the slain man's room and found the lights were burning in the bathroom and bedroom. It was found [REDACTED] that the screen on the window of STOMPANATO's apartment had been ripped open. The shaving kit and letters were gone.

[REDACTED] stated he called [REDACTED] b7 [REDACTED], who plugged the room's lock so that no one could enter until the Public Administrator arrived to officially seal it. The Police Department, according to this article, expressed curiosity as to whether MICKEY COHEN had secured possession of these "wildly passionate" love letters which he had made public through the medium of the "Los Angeles Herald-Express."

The "Los Angeles Times" of April 11, 1958, in an article entitled, "LANA Will Tell Story of Slaying," reflects in part that [REDACTED] b7C

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[REDACTED], advised the Los Angeles Police Department that he had opened the apartment on the previous Sunday in order to give a suit of STOMPANATO's clothes to MICKEY COHEN. COHEN, [REDACTED] arrived with a telegram reported to be from STOMPANATO's family at [REDACTED] which asked him to forward the clothing for the burial. [REDACTED] told the detectives COHEN did not enter the apartment, but waited outside for the clothes to be handed to him. b7c

The "Mirror News" of April 8, 1958, in an article entitled, "Rich Burial for JOHNNY STOMPANATO Back Home," stated that the body of JOHN STOMPANATO had been laid out in the mortuary of Godeau and Martinoni, Los Angeles, California. Among the mourners was MICKEY COHEN who was alleged to have picked up the bill for the funeral. COHEN is quoted as saying upon viewing the body of his ex-bodyguard, "I can't take it." A mortuary aid is described as saying that COHEN issued instructions that he wanted STOMPANATO dressed the way he went in life "nothing but the best." It is to be noted that STOMPANATO was dressed in a tuxedo with a soft embroidered linen shirt.

The "Los Angeles Times" of April 12, 1958, contained a complete testimony of the coroner's inquest into the slaying of JOHN STOMPANATO. The first witness sworn into testify was MICHAEL COHEN, who gave his name as MICKEY COHEN, his address as 11719 San Vicente Boulevard (Carousel Ice Cream Parlor), and who advised that he refused to identify the body of JOHN STOMPANATO. His answer was as follows:

"I refuse to identify him as JOHN STOMPANATO, Jr., on the grounds that I may be accused of the murder."

The Los Angeles newspapers through the remainder of April continued to feature the death of STOMPANATO but COHEN's interjection into the case had declined somewhat. It is to be noted that during the period of time subsequent to the slaying and the inquest the "Los Angeles Herald-Express", whose editor is AGNES UNDERWOOD, [REDACTED] b7c

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published the letters of LANA TURNER to JOHN STOMPANATO on a day-to-day basis. It is also to be noted that [REDACTED] was not held for the slaying of JOHN STOMPANATO and the Juvenile Court at Los Angeles subsequently placed her in the custody of her maternal grandmother for a period of 60 days.

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on May 1, 1958, that the investigation by his department as to how COHEN had secured the letters written by TURNER to STOMPANATO reflected that it was most likely that COHEN had utilized the services of [REDACTED] and ELLIS MANDEL to invade the premises of the Del Capri Hotel to take these letters which COHEN later made available to AGNES UNDERWOOD of the "Los Angeles Herald-Express". The Chief was of the opinion that COHEN probably received money for letting the newspaper have these letters, but could furnish no information of a factual nature in this connection.

On April 15, 1958, WALTER WINCHELL, Newspaper Columnist, contacted the Los Angeles Office and advised that he had secured the passports of JOHN STOMPANATO and LANA TURNER from MICKEY COHEN. WINCHELL stated he wished to turn STOMPANATO's passport over to the FBI in order that it might be returned to the State Department, thus assuring that it did not fall into the hands of enemies of the country, such as the Communists.

On April 16, 1958, Mr. WINCHELL was contacted at the Beverly Hills Hotel, Los Angeles, California. In the meantime, the Los Angeles Police Department Intelligence Division advised that WINCHELL had been in the company of MICKEY COHEN for the past several weeks and during the past week had been in his company during the evening hours at the Mocambo, where WINCHELL was appearing as the master of ceremonies for ROBERTA SHERWOOD, singer. WINCHELL, upon being contacted by SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that he had received these passports as well as the letters written by LANA TURNER, which had been printed in the "Herald-Express" from MICKEY COHEN at the Mocambo Night Club during the past couple of days. WINCHELL turned over the

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passport of JOHN STOMPANATO to the Agents with the urgent request that it be immediately forwarded to the State Department at Washington, D.C.

It is to be noted, as previously reported, that WINCHELL on the evening of April 15, 1958, interrupted a television show by Newscaster GEORGE PUTNAM to advise that he had secured these passports and was turning over that of JOHN STOMPANATO to an FBI Agent that evening. WINCHELL advised the Agents that he had been a guest on the PAUL COATES television show in Hollywood that evening inasmuch as he wished to break the story concerning STOMPANATO's passport, but when he learned that COATES' show was a delayed broadcast on film, he immediately went to the studio of GEORGE PUTNAM and interrupted his broadcast.

In connection with the statement that MICKEY COHEN was severely ill due to a beating administered by a narcotics agent, WINCHELL stated he had received this information from COHEN and showed Agents an envelope wherein WINCHELL had made notes to the effect that COHEN had gotten out of a sick bed in order to bring the passports and letters to WINCHELL on the previous Monday evening at the Mocambo Night Club, WINCHELL had none of the details of the alleged beating and had difficulty in remembering the name of the narcotics agent who was supposed to have administered this beating. A perusal of these letters determined there was no evidence of any violation of any Federal statute and as WINCHELL had been advised previously he was again told that this Bureau had no jurisdiction with regard to these letters.

WINCHELL advised that he had been planning to make a statement at the Mocambo on the evening of April 15, 1958, concerning COHEN, calling COHEN a "pathological liar." He said he based this comment on a story he had written to his New York newspapers that the STOMPANATO family was going to bring suit against LANA TURNER for \$1,000,000. He stated he received this information as an item from MICKEY COHEN and he had sent the story to his New York newspaper, which did not run

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Lieutenant [REDACTED] Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Intelligence Detail, advised SA [REDACTED] on April 24, 1958, that he himself had personally gone to the Mocambo at the request of WALTER WINCHELL on several occasions during the past month when MICKEY COHEN was among those present. He stated WINCHELL had called the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office because he was afraid that COHEN might create a disturbance while at the club. It was [REDACTED] best recollection that on the evening of April 14, 1958, COHEN and WINCHELL were in a close huddle for several hours at the Mocambo and that COHEN was seen to hand over a brown envelope to WINCHELL, which WINCHELL advised persons in his immediate vicinity contained love letters of LANA TURNER. b7c b7D

A review of the columns of WALTER WINCHELL by SA [REDACTED] in connection with LANA TURNER reflects that Mr. WINCHELL has treated Miss TURNER sympathetically in his columns concerning the death of JOHN STOMPANATO and her relationship with him. The purpose of WINCHELL securing letters which apparently have already been published by newspapers is not known to the Los Angeles Office and from statements made to Agents by WINCHELL it would appear that he desires to return them to LANA TURNER. b7c b7D

Information received by Lieutenant [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, indicates that on the evening of April 16, 1958, [REDACTED] b7c b7D

[REDACTED] was at the Mocambo in the company of [REDACTED]

The Chicago Division on May 6, 1958, advised that MICKEY COHEN had gone from Chicago, Illinois, to Woodstock, Illinois, on May 5, 1958, and put flowers on the grave of JOHN STOMPANATO. b7c b7D

On May 1, 1958, [REDACTED] Cashier, Bank of America, 112 South Main Street, Los Angeles, advised SA [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] attorney for MICKEY COHEN, had recently opened an account at this branch

of the bank. He further advised that about one month previously, some unknown woman had come into the bank and asked one of the women employees to mail a letter for her. The envelope was thick and felt as though it had currency in it and was addressed to [REDACTED]

On July 13, 1960, [REDACTED] advised a Special Agent of the FBI he desired to furnish a "hypothetical set of circumstances" in order to determine what he should do in a case which had transpired in the past. [REDACTED] stated that for some time prior to April, 1958, [REDACTED]

He said that he had also seen STOMPANATO on occasion with wealthy male individuals whom [redacted] understood were homosexuals. He said that he had seen him with women, whom he believed to be wealthy, other than LANA TURNER. [redacted] believed STOMPANATO to be a gigolo who would go with either men or women for sexual purposes for a price.

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[REDACTED]

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He indicated that he would not testify in instant matter and desired that he not be involved.

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ALBERT BLOOMINGDALE, Diner's Club

On [REDACTED] advised that that afternoon he had received a telephone call from MICKEY COHEN requesting him to meet with COHEN at midnight that same date.

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dynamite but he was overruled and during the following several months a number of Hollywood homes belonging to members of opposing unions were bombed by the group. No one, however, was killed by the bombing.

Murder

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has advised that on the evening of December 2, 1959, at approximately 11:30 p.m., at Rondelli's Italian Restaurant, 11359 Ventura Boulevard, JACK WHALEN, commonly known as JACK O'HARA, FBI No. 4632904, was shot by unknown assailants. It was determined that shortly before 11:30 p.m., O'HARA entered Rondelli's accompanied by [REDACTED] a bookmaker from the Monterey Park area, and had proceeded to a phone booth where he dragged out an entertainer by the name of [REDACTED] and started to beat him. As they approached the COHEN booth, several shots were heard and O'HARA dropped to the floor dead. The police received their first call at 12:10 a.m., December 3, 1959, and when they finally got to the restaurant, they found COHEN, COHEN's associate [REDACTED] and COHEN's bulldog. The patrons had all fled and the tables had been cleaned up, which [REDACTED] advised the Grand Jury on December 10, 1959, he had done automatically without thinking. A search of the premises by the police uncovered three guns in a trash can, one of which turned out to have originally been purchased by the late JOHNNY STOMPANATO. b7c

As the investigation continued the police picked up [REDACTED] b7c

The police eventually determined that among members of COHEN's party were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JOE DICARLO [REDACTED]

Late in the afternoon of December 3, 1959, the police found COHEN's car [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] It was learned from police that [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Los Angeles, California
April 28, 1961

MEYER HARRIS COHEN
705 C SOUTH BARRINGTON AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

In connection with movements of Mr. COHEN to various cities in the United States during the past several years, the following tabulation is set forth:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Means of Travel</u>
1/29/58	Chicago	American Airlines Flight 40
2/3/58	Returned to Los Angeles	American Airlines

Information developed reflects that Mr. COHEN was accompanied on the trip by [REDACTED] b7c

The Los Angeles "Herald Express" carried a news story at this time reflecting that COHEN was in the Chicago area to consult with BEN HECHT regarding the publication of his, COHEN's, life story.

3/12/58	La Paz, Mexico	Compania Mexicana De Aviacion
3/20/58	Returned to Los Angeles	Compania Mexicana De Aviacion

Information developed reflects that the COHEN party consisted of [REDACTED] b7c

and [REDACTED]

The local press featured COHEN's return from La Paz to Los Angeles.

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MEYER HARRIS COHEN

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Means of Travel</u>
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The Ventura County "Star Free Press" of Ventura, California, for April 17, 1958, reflected that COHEN would be the guest speaker at the April 24, 1958 meeting of the Ventura County Press Club. The meeting was to be held at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant at the Wagon Wheel Junction.

4/29/58

Nashville, Tennessee

1956 Cadillac
Illinois License
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The "Nashville Tennessean" dated April 30, 1958, reflected that COHEN, ELLIS MANDEL and JACK DAHLSTRUM, arrived in Nashville on April 29, 1958, in MANDEL's 1956 pink Cadillac as above.

The Memphis Office of the FBI advised that COHEN arrived at Nashville at 9:20 AM April 29, 1958, en route to Chicago, Illinois, and departed Nashville at 10:25 AM April 30, 1958. b7c

A news article reflected that COHEN visited Nashville the year before when he visited [REDACTED]

5/3/58

Chicago, Illinois

5/8/58

Enroute Woodstock,
Illinois

COHEN arrived at Chicago, Illinois, accompanied by JACK DAHLSTRUM and ELLIS MANDEL. COHEN registered at the Sands Motel, 5201 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, and checked out of the Motel on May 8, 1958, en route to Woodstock, Illinois, to the home of now deceased JOHNNY STOMPANATO.

Information furnished that on May 5, 1958, COHEN put flowers on the grave of STOMPANATO and immediately returned to Chicago, taking up residence in Room 236, Sands Motel, 5201 North Sheridan Road.

It was learned that COHEN planned to leave Chicago on May 8, 1958, but his destination and time of departure were unknown.

COHEN arrived at Los Angeles via Rock Island Railroad, Golden State Limited, Drawing Room E, Car #35. He was traveling alone.

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Gangland guns, aimed at Mickey Cohen, underworld pin, left three persons near death today.

Cohen, prime target of the assassination attempt, by strange irony, was reported able to be up and about a few days with a shoulder wound as the only one from the attack.

Cohen, Three Others Shot In Gang War

In critical condition of the Angeles County Sheriff's Department, a bodyguard of Mickey Cohen, was reported to have been shot in the back by a gunman. However, with large wounds.

Miss Lee Davidson, actress, of 1615 N. Hollywood Ave., perforated intestines and torn kidney.

Neddie Herbert, Cohen's severed spine and paralyzed from the waist down.

The attempted four-way murder took place in front of Sherer's restaurant on the Sunset Strip at 3:55 a.m., less than 24 hours after Howser had assigned Cohen a bodyguard to protect him from eastern gangsters.

Two 20-gauge shotguns were found near the scene. They apparently had been taken from the getaway car.

Death also was caused by Florabel Muir, columnist for The Mirror. A bullet grazed her hip.

Neddie Herbert, one of those wounded today, was one of Cohen's chief lieutenants. He escaped unharmed only a month ago when gunmen fired 11 bullets at him as he entered his apartment.

Warfare climax

The shooting climaxed weeks of more or less unrelenting underworld warfare during which Cohen's death reportedly had been attempted at least five times.

Recently The Mirror carried an exclusive story on Cohen being fired at by two hoodlums as he drove home on San Vicente Blvd. Cohen denied the story, but admitted its truth to intimates.

Only yesterday when A.C. Howser announced he was Cohen's guard and asked what

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law enforcement agencies "not to roust him right now." Spring street odds were reported nine-to-one that the gambler "would not last through July."

Underworld gossip is the outburst of gang violence results from the decision of a midwest mob with Italian Mafia connection to move in on Los Angeles rackets.

Herbert predicted continued warfare to a Mirror reporter after the shooting, saying, "If Mickey makes it (gets well), he's going to go to work with a minkmaster."

Condition of all four shot was reported critical.

Cohen and Cooper underwent surgery at Hollywood Receiving hospital. Cohen was reported to have a slug in his right shoulder near his lung. Cooper had three abdomen wounds.

Herbert Paralyzed

Herbert and Miss David were taken to Citizen's Emergency hospital, 7531 Santa Monica Blvd. Herbert was struck by a slug near the heart, the bullet ranging through him to the spine and paralyzing both legs.

Miss David was hit by four bullets near the base of the spine, the slugs continuing on to perforate her intestines.

All four victims were later transferred to Queen of the Angels hospital where a heavy police guard was assigned to their rooms.

Typical Evening

The shooting came at the end of a typical Cohen evening. Along with Cooper, his bodyguard, and a party of his lieutenants, Mickey spent several hours at the Continental cafe on Santa Monica Blvd. which he owns.

The party left there and arrived at Sherry's restaurant, owned by Barney Ruditsky, ex-New York cop, about 2 a.m.

Shortly before closing time at 4 a.m. they started to leave.

In the group standing outside the restaurant were Cohen, Cooper, Miss David, Herbert, Ruditsky, Cohen aide Johnny Stompanato, Miss Muir and a couple of parking lot attendants.

Scene Guarded

There were perhaps a dozen witnesses standing around the restaurant from the vicinity of

a billboard in a vacant lot across the street.

Ruditsky said, "It sounded like firecrackers and every body hit the walk. Cooper yelled, 'I'm hit!'"

At least seven shots were fired. No car was seen and apparently the gunmen fled on foot.

Ruditsky and police officers later found two automatic shotguns and a number of shotgun shells on the ground behind the sign board.

Ballistic experts said they believed the shells had been specially loaded with heavy slugs.

As the gun blasts ceased, Cohen's aide, Frank Niccoli, aided the gambler and Cooper into his car, just behind Mickey's well-known Cadillac sedan at the curb, and rushed both to Hollywood Receiving hospital.

Miss David was carried inside the restaurant and Herbert lay on the sidewalk outside, moaning, "Oh, God, I can't move my legs."

Twenty-five minutes later, a private ambulance arrived to take the wounded pair to Citizen's Emergency hospital where they were given first aid by Drs. Ray Richmond and Robert B. Nichols.

A few minutes later Cohen's wife, Lavinne, arrived at the receiving hospital, looked at him on the operating table and collapsed. She was given sedatives and later recovered.

Cooper's first request on reaching the hospital was to telephone his chief, Howser, in San Francisco.

Vice Probe Figures

Cohen and Ruditsky, the ex-New York cop, have been key figures in the police vice scandal

probe now under way by the grand jury.

Cohen sparked the investigation by attempting to introduce into the gun-possession trial of Harry (Hap) Barker, an ex-convict, wire recordings secretly depicting vice squad officers and Hollywood's ex-prostitution, Brenda Allen.

The records were excluded as evidence and the grand jury then stepped into the picture.

Ruditsky figured as a man on whose brother's name recordings were made.

Cohen, who has a shop in haberdashery as a front for gambling and other activities, had many brushes with the law and potential assassins.

A year ago Harry (Hap) Rothman, hoodlum associate of Cohen, was slain in the haberdashery. Mickey was washing his hands and escaped death.

Police grilled Cohen extensively in the Bugsy Siegel killing of two years ago but they were unable to connect him with the slaying.

Heavy Guard Fails to Stop Gang Slugs

A fantastic underworld plot succeeded in landing lead in Mickey Cohen and three other persons early today despite a four-deep screen of protection.

State, county, and city authorities are amazed that the plot to get Mickey came off in spite of the gangster being under constant surveillance for weeks.

Atty. Gen. Fred N. Howser last Thursday assigned special agent Harry Cooper to guard Cohen night and day.

The guard was assigned after attempts were made to kill Mickey on San Vicente Blvd. recently and after Neddle Herbert, Cohen henchman shot early today, was riddled with bullets a couple of weeks ago.

Dep. Police Chief Thad Brown, head of detectives, revealed that a police sergeant had been shadowing Mickey for several weeks.

Sergeant on Job

The sergeant, D. L. Murray, was on the job last night.

Brown and Chief of Police William Worton said Murray was not "protecting" or guarding Cohen.

"I can't see why police should furnish a bodyguard for a character like Cohen," Worton said.

Worton and Brown said Murray's assignment was routine—consisting of keeping tabs on who went where with whom along the Sunset Strip spots.

Worton and Mayor Fletcher

Bowron disagreed over one angle of the Cohen surveillance.

Worton said Ralph Davis, of the attorney general's office, asked the police department to "refrain from rousting" Cohen for the next two weeks.

The request was made within the past 24 hours, the chief said. Worton said he approved the request.

But the mayor said flatly this morning that the police had not been approached by the attorney general's office.

Sheriff Eugene Biscalluz, in whose territory the shooting took place, revealed that two of his deputies had been assigned to trail Cohen for several weeks but left him just before he was shot.

The sheriff declined to name the two absent deputies.

"We're going to find out where they were," he said.

"We've been following them for months," Biscalluz said. "We've shaken them down half a dozen times in the past few weeks."

Biscalluz said no sympathy should be wasted on Cohen and Herbert.

"They asked for it," he said. "They sleep all day and prowl all night."

Biscalluz said Sgt. Murray, of the LAPD, was with Cohen when the attempted assassination took place.

"Somehow he got out of the line of fire. He must have ducked."

Bowron Waits Report

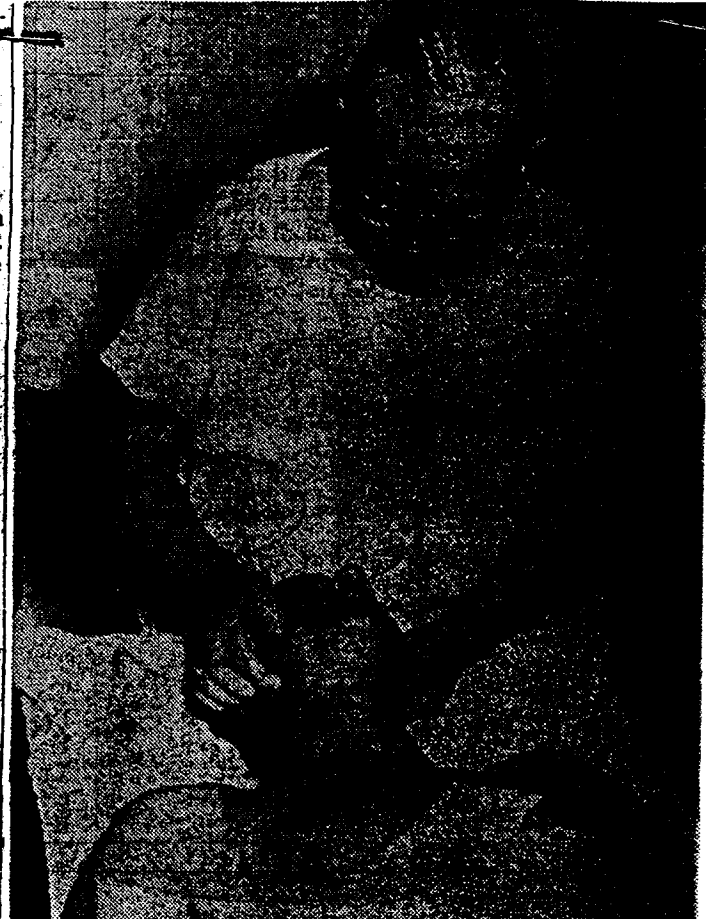
Bowron said he knew nothing about the shooting. "I expect a report later today but am not going to go looking for it," the mayor announced.

He pointed out—as an explanation of his attitude—that the shooting was in the county.

H. Leo Stanley, chief investigator for the D. A., said "It was up to Howser."

"It's his business," he said. "He should take over."

Howser, in San Francisco when



HARRY COOPER, SERIOUSLY WOUNDED
Howser's aide is attended by Dr. Dickson

the attempt on Cohen's life was made, "accepted the challenge."

Enroute to Los Angeles by plane Howser said he was calling an emergency law enforcement meeting in his office at 2 p.m. today.

Invited to attend are D. A. William Simpson, Stanley, Asst. D. A. John Barnes, Biscalluz and his top aides, and Worton and aides.

Howser said the "attempted assassination of special agent Harry Cooper is a challenge to all law and order and decent citizens in our community."

Harry Lawson, foreman of the county grand jury probing police graft, said the jury would be interested in asking Fred Howser a few questions.

Lawson said he was particularly interested in learning why Howser asked the police to pay off the underworld for two weeks.

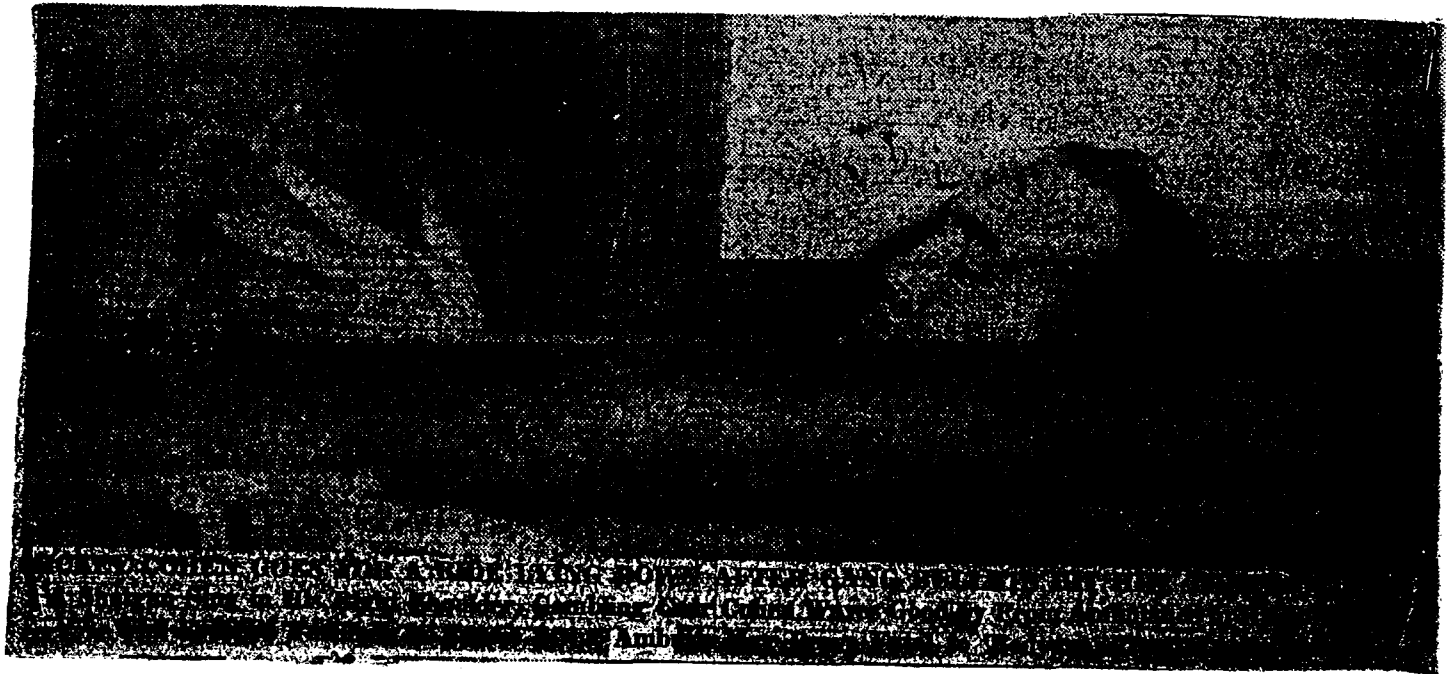
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Mickey Says Howser Knows Who Shot Him



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Mickey Cohen, plump little gambling lord of Los Angeles, lay snuggly in his white bed in Queen of Angels Hospital today, his shoulder full of shotgun pellets and swears that Attorney General Fred Howser knew who torpedoed him and three others before dawn.

He grinned. He talked.

"I feel fine. I wish everyone felt as good as I do."

"But I'd be telling you a lie if I told you I knew who did it. I'll tell you the guy who knows all about it—Fred Howser. He assigned me this baby-sitter (bodyguard Harry Cooper, also shot)."

"Howser must have had a red-hot tip to want to give me a man to watch me. Nobody knows the answer but Howser."

Black-robed nuns and white-capped nurses tilted in and out of the small hospital room, as Mickey described himself as "the luckiest guy in the world."

"I guess my number isn't up yet," he grinned. He was apparently the least harmed of the four.

Cohen felt gabby and seemed to like the company. He indicated he had some hint of the "torpedo" who blasted at him when he was asked if "it was the Costello gang moving in."

Frank Costello, of New York,

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reputedly heads the nation's racket syndicate recently under fire by the State Crime Commission, Cohen answered:

"Hell, No! If Costello was moving in, we'd all be dead by now. It's just some punk who didn't like me because I stopped them on a lot of jobs they wanted to pull."

"It's hard to believe we're living in a world of killing. Whoever is responsible for this must be dope fiends."

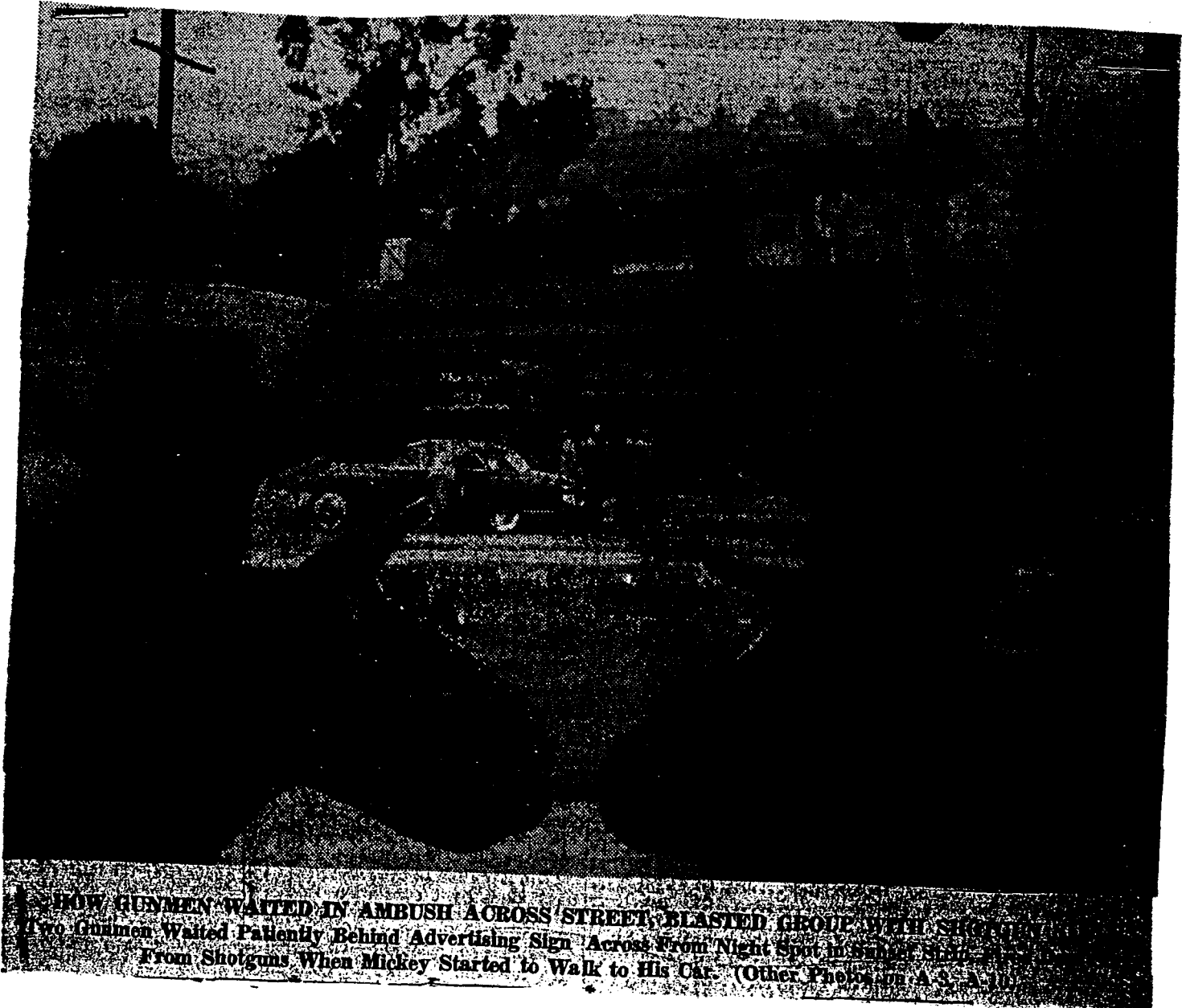
"How any human being can fire bullets into a crowd of people beats me. They're animals...they ain't human."

The first thing he knew about the bodyguard, Cohen said, was when Sam Rummel, the gamblers attorney, called and said Attorney General Howser was sending a man out to talk "to me and show me some pictures." He continued:

"I told Sam I didn't need a baby-sitter. He didn't tell me anything...kept me entirely in the dark. If he had talked, maybe I could throw some light on it."

"Howser and his investigators evidently had a trap laid, so I consented to get myself up like a clay pigeon."

"Cooper" (the bodyguard) even wanted me to have one of my boys wear my hat as though it was me. The only mistake the attorney general made was not to give me more information—I could have helped him, maybe."



HOW GUNMEN WAITED IN AMBUSH ACROSS STREET, BLASTED GROUP WITH SHOTGUNS
Two Gunmen Waited Patiently Behind Advertising Sign Across From Night Spot in Sunset Strip
From Shotguns When Mickey Started to Walk to His Car. (Other Photos on A-3, A-4)

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Gangland guns that roared out in the early dawn this morning like a string of glass firecrackers mowed down Gambling King Mickey Cohen and three other persons, including a beautiful blonde former actress, in a gay sidewalk throng in front of Sheraton Restaurant, a favorite film colony rendezvous at 9039 Sunset boulevard on the swang Sunset Strip.

The other three persons, one a guard assigned to Cohen by the attorney general, were so critically wounded that they may die—but Mickey apparently had squirmed out of another death trap.

He suffered only "a serious wound in the right shoulder," police said.

Police and deputy sheriffs said they believed Cohen was the chief target in an ambush set up by a powerful eastern mob trying to muscle in on the fast Hollywood and Los Angeles gambling and vice rackets.

But Mickey, whether he was speaking straight or on the side of his mouth, merely said:

"Those guys were just a couple of mad dog punks, strictly local talent."

It was the second attempt to assassinate Cohen in last year and his closest brush with death since he stepped into the shoes of Gangster Chief "Bugsy" Siegel after latter was rubbed out in Beverly Hills.

Dramatically, one of those most critically wounded, probably going to die, according to officers, was Harry Cooper, 39, of 683 Slatto place, a special investigator. It was revealed only yesterday had been assigned last Thursday by Attorney General Fred Howser to guard Cohen.

Cooper, close to Cohen, was shot twice in the chest when a hail of more than a dozen bullets, heavy .38's and loaded into shotgun shells, swept across the street from

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and a sign board where the gunmen had secreted themselves for the ambush.

Dee David, the beautiful blonde, 21, who lived at 1545 North Las Palmas, was shot four times in the lower part of the back and also was reported near death. She said she had just happened in at the cafe, but investigating officers believe she may have been a target because the gunmen suspected she was associated with Cohen.

Edward "Neddie" Herbert, Cohen henchman, who narrowly escaped assassination recently when he was waylaid by gunmen as he entered his apartment while accompanied by a woman friend, suffered a bullet wound in the spine which was reported to have left him at least partially paralyzed.

Others in the crowd of approximately 35 persons which had just emerged from the plush night spot narrowly escaped death or serious injury.

They include Frank Niccoli and Johnny Stompanato, also Cohen henchmen. Stompanato, whose occupation is given as a jeweler, bought Mickey's most recent, 1949 Cadillac automobile for him.

HIT BY SPENT BULLET

Florabel Muir, newspaperwoman, and her husband, Denny Morrison, newspaperman, also had a close call. A spent gangster bullet struck her on the dress and tumbled onto the sidewalk. Ruth Black, 25, head waitress at the restaurant, said a bullet whizzed past her head.

Johnny Rist and Eli Lubin, also Cohen henchmen, this time were the little men who weren't there.

They had left only a few minutes before the two would-be killers pumped bullets from automatic shotguns, then fled to a gray automobile in which they escaped, flinging the shotguns from the car a block away.

It was believed that Cohen escaped death only because so many people came out of the cafe at one time that he was hard to single out as a target.

Also, Cohen has had so many close ones he has learned to duck deftly.

Just why so many had gathered at Mickey's dinner party, whether it was some special occasion, remained a mystery.

It apparently was no mystery to the assassination gang, however, that Mickey and his boys would be there.

Investigation is being made to determine whether Mickey was led to the cafe and put "on the spot" for the shooting.

The part of Miss David in the shooting puzzled the officers.

It was reported that she was acquainted with Johnny Stompanato, Cohen pal. She said she was working as a nurse and had been a former actress with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

ADVANCE WARNING

But it was recalled that a Los Angeles police officer said only yesterday that an assassination attempt by an eastern gang was anticipated and that a woman

might be involved in the shooting.

In this connection, Los Angeles police revealed that they had stopped Mickey Cohen and others in a car early last Saturday morning.

One of those in the car was a beautiful blonde woman, unidentified, but someone who investigating officers said they believed was known to the members of the assassination mob.

Others in the Cohen car were Cooper, the guard assigned by Howser; Jimmy Rist, and Neddie Herbert.

None of the occupants of the car, including Cooper, was armed, police said.

A high police official informed the Herald-Express:

"A new gang is moving in from the east and Mickey Cohen is going to get shot."

The use of shotguns led one veteran police official to declare the shooting had the earmarks of the eastern Mafia mobsters, who nearly always use shotguns firing cartridges with heavy slugs.

Officers believe nearly every slug found its mark.

FIND EMPTY GUNS

Half a dozen empty shotgun shells were found behind the sign-board gang trap.

One of the slugs went through a rear window of Mickey's luxurious Cadillac.

Another went through the front window of Sherry's.

"They almost missed me," said Mickey, grimly, when he was taken into Hollywood Emergency Hospital.

"Who do you suspect?" a reporter asked.

TART REPLY

"Everybody!" was the little gangster's tart reply. If, with all his connections, Mickey knew, he wasn't saying.

"In the dark I never saw a thing," Mickey said.

His wife, LaVonne, led to his side, broke into tears, became hysterical and was given a sedative.

Blonde Dee David and Neddie Herbert were taken first to Citizens Emergency Hospital at 8500 Santa Monica boulevard.

Later all four of the wounded people were removed to Queen of Angels Hospital.

Cohen Gangster Herbert, despite his grave condition, mumbled:

"If I get out of this alive, I'm going to work on those guys myself with a Mixmaster."

In the underworld, a "Mixmaster" is a shotgun, machine gun or any automatic firearm capable of firing with great rapidity.

35 ON SIDEWALK

Barney Ruditsky, ex-New York cop and owner of Sherry's, said there were about 35 people on the sidewalk and "it was a wonder more people didn't get it."

Ruditsky is he private detective at whose offices the famous "Brenda Allen to Sergeant Jackson" wire recorded telephone call transcriptions were first read—which led to the present police-vice tieup scandal now before the grand jury.

Sergeant Darryl Murray, attached to the staff of Chief of Detectives Thad Brown of the Los Angeles police department, also was in the midst of the shooting. His wife became hysterical as he pulled his gun, dashed into the street and sought to follow the gunmen.

In the hospital Mickey calmly shelled out a \$1000 bill, twenty \$100 bills and \$69 in smaller

money. He didn't give it to any of his pals who were so intent by his side. He handed it to Dr. C. D. Dickey of the hospital staff.

"Keep it for me, Doc," he said.

Almost immediately, the place was filled with officers who appeared to have been waiting with hair trigger tension the shooting they feared was coming.

One of these was Kenneth Lynch, assistant attorney general in charge of the Los Angeles office under Howser. With him was Ralph Davis, Howser's chief investigator.

DECLINES TO COMMENT

Reporters asked Lynch why Howser had assigned Cooper, the desperately wounded Cohen bodyguard, to protect a known and dangerous gangster. He refused to comment.

"Not till I see the chief," Lynch replied.

It was only yesterday that it was divulged that Howser had assigned Cooper as a bodyguard. When police and sheriff's officers, noting Cooper's continued presence with Cohen, asked Howser why, he told them his office was "making an investigation" and asked them to let Cohen and his mobsters alone and not attempt to search them for weapons.

One of the mystery angles in the speedily launched investigation was a report by the Hollywood sheriff's station that a woman called about 10:30 o'clock last night and warned:

"There's going to be a shooting tonight in the 8800 block on Sunset boulevard."

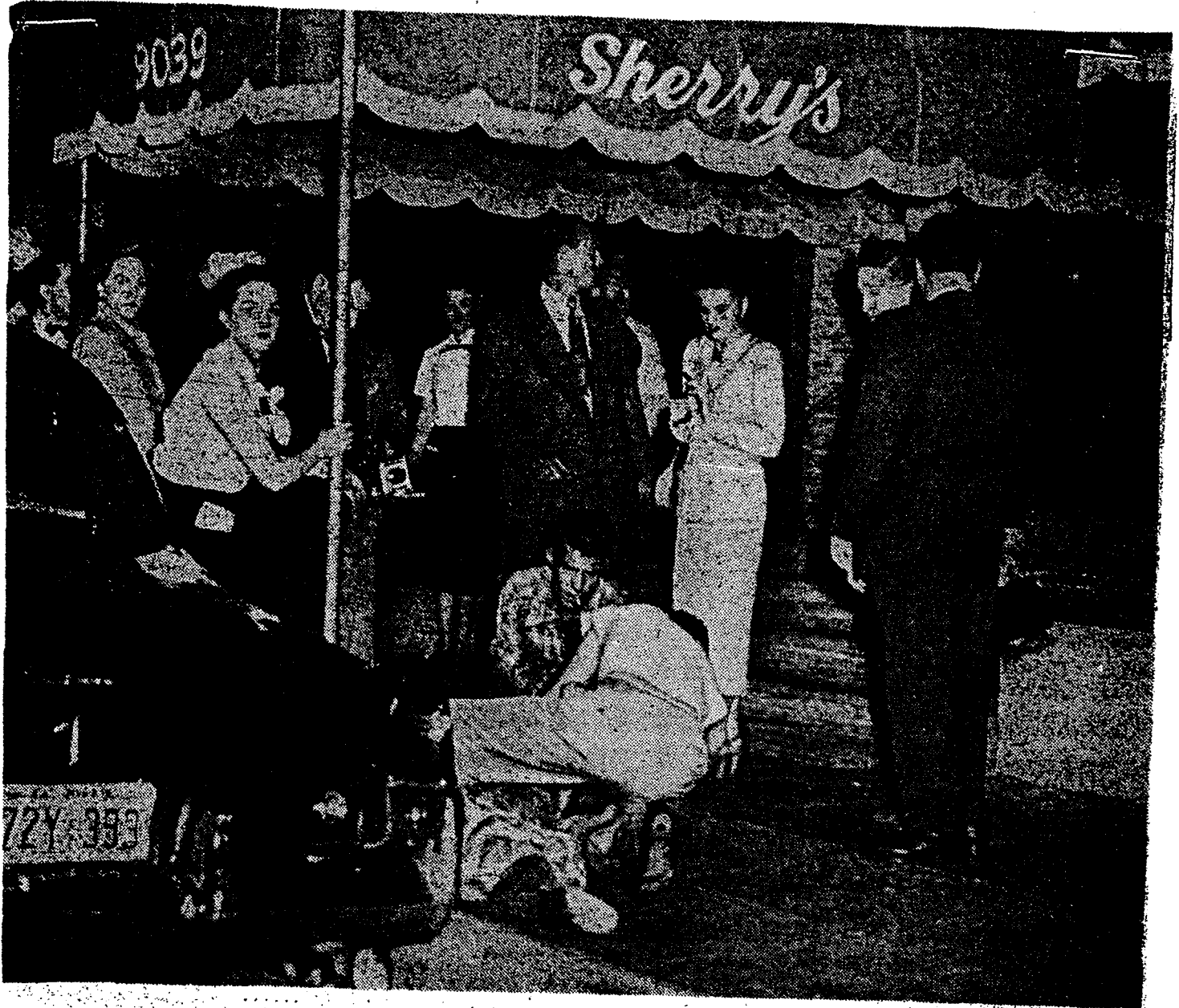
This is the block in which Mickey Cohen's haberdashery is located, but when deputy sheriff went there to investigate they only found Jimmy Rist was ill-tending to a ball game in the back of the store over the radio.

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MOB SLUGS RIP COHEN, 3 PALS



MINUTES AFTER GANG GUNS ROARED —MIRRORFOTO by George Lacks
lickey Cohen and his party were about to enter car when shots came. Friends aid Neddie Herbert on ground.



GLAMOR PICTURE OF DEE DAVID

She was with Mickey in Sherry's. As party left the club four slugs hit her.





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MICKEY'S WIFE HURRIES

Lavonne Cohen rushes to bedside of wounded mate in Hollywood Receiving hospital where she collapsed. She recovered later after taking sedatives. At her right is Johnny Stompanato, close companion of Cohen.